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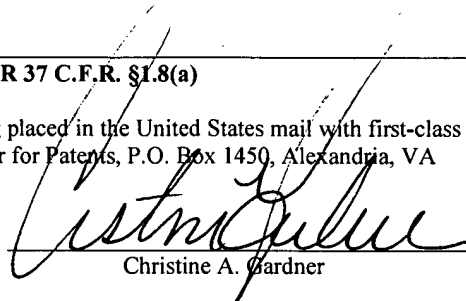
**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Prior to examination of the application, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this amendment.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 6 of this amendment.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this amendment.

An **Appendix** including "Replacement Sheets" and "Annotated Sheets Showing Changes" are attached following page 9 of this amendment.